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1. (C) WHILE BOTH GNZ AND AMEMB ANXIOUS FOR SSN VISIT,
BELIEVE, TO AVOID IMAGE OF SATURATION BY NPW, THAT NEXT
FEW VISITS SHOULD BE OIL FIRED SHIPS. USCG ICEBREAKERS
DUE VISIT EARLY DEC SHOULD ASSIST IN VARYING SEQUENCE OF
SHIP VISITS BUT FEEL AT LEAST ONE USN CONVENTIONALLY
POWERED SHIP ALSO SHOULD PRECEDE SSN.

2. (C) WHILE IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT MEAT LOCKER ISSUE
MUST BE FACED AND RESOLVED BEFORE SHIP VISITS HERE BECOME
NORMAL AND ROUTINE, EXTREME SENSITIVITY OF GNZ IN REGARD
TO PROTECTION OF LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY MEANS WE MUST PROCEED
CAUTIOUSLY IN PURSUING THIS ISSUE. THIS WE INTEND TO DO
AND IN FACT I HAVE HAD AN INITIAL DISCUSSION OF MATTER
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WITH SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. IT MUST BE REALIZED

THAT REACHING AN ACCOMODATION IN THIS MATTER WILL TAKE
TIME. BELIEVE, IF PROPERLY UNDERSTOOD BY BOTH PARTIES,
SOME SORT OF ACCOMODATION CAN BE REACHED BUT UNTIL
THEN WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND WE AVOID CONFRONTATION BY
SCHEDULING ONLY WESTBOUND VISITORS. SIGNED SELDEN UNQUOTE
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